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TAGS: SWEL, GT

SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE - EMERGENCY RURAL HOUSING PROGRAM

1. USAID MISSION CONTACTED THIS AFTERNOON BY LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ALCOA ALUMINUM CO. (US) CONCERNING POSSIBLE AID/W BULK PROCUREMENT OF ROOFING SHEETS FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION IN QUAKE DAMAGED RURAL AREAS. ALCOA'S REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT THEY COULD SUPPLY UP TO ONE HALF OF PROJECTED PROGRAM NEEDS WITH ONLY MINOR TIME DELAY FROM ROOFING DELIVERY SCHEDULE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN IN GUATEMALA 1449 AND AT PRICES COMPETITIVE WITH GALVANIZED STEEL SHEETS. (ONLY MINOR CHANGE NOTED WAS ALCOA ALUMINUM SHEETS WOULD BE FORTY EIGHT INCHES WIDE INSTEAD OF THIRTY TWO INCHES REQUESTED FOR STEEL SHEETS.)

2. PROVIDING ALUMINUM SHEETS AND TWIST TYPE ROOFING NAILS TECHNICALLY EQUIVALENT (STRENGTH, SECTION MODULUS, ETC.) TO GALVANIZED STEEL MATERIALS CITED IN GUATEMALA 1449, PLEASE EVALUATE ALUMINUM ROOFING SHEETS AS AN APPROPRIATE SUBSTITUTE WHEN CALCULATING OVERALL COST OF MATERIALS DELIVERED CIF GUATEMALA CITY. (NOTE: INLAND TRANSPORT APPROXIMATELY THIRTY DOLLARS PER TON FROM PEO. REDUCTIONS IN OCEAN AND INLAND FREIGHT CHARGES COULD RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS FOR LIGHTER WEIGHT ALUMINUM MATERIALS.) MISSION FEELS THAT ALUMINUM SHEETS COULD HAVE CERTAIN SERVICE  
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ADVANTAGES (NO RUSTING) AND LIGHTER WEIGHT SHEETS WOULD

MAKE DISTRIBUTION EASIER TO THE MORE INACCESSIBLE VILLAGES.

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NOTE BY OC/T: PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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